

An OSD status checking section of controller equipment transmits a check instruction to an OSD controlling section of target equipment via a 1394 bus to cause the OSD controlling section to check an OSD synthesizing section for a display status and to notify the OSD status checking section of a result of the display check. Based on the result of the check of the OSD status, an operation selecting section of the controller equipment determines whether to transmit an input from an input section to the OSD controlling section of the target equipment or to an OSD controlling section of the controller equipment. Thus, the controller equipment can check the target equipment for the OSD status and determine, depending on the status, the OSD on the controller equipment and a target of operation from a remote controller, thereby providing appropriate display contents and enabling appropriate operations.